Information about Medical Examination of Immigrants (including Diversity Visa Applicants) and Followingto-Join Refugees/Asylees scheduled to appear for visa appointments at the U.S. Embassy in Tashkent

U.S. Embassy in Tashkent appointed the <u>Tashkent International Clinic (TIC)</u> to conduct medical examinations of individuals immigrating to the United States of America.

The screening of applicants is conducted in accordance with the <u>Technical Instructions for Panel Physicians and Civil Surgeons</u> issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the Department of Health and Human Services of the United States of America.

All applicants are recommended to schedule their medical appointments at least three weeks prior to the day of their immigrant visa interview scheduled at the U.S. Embassy in Tashkent. This will ensure that the results of the applicants' medical examination are ready before they must appear for their immigrant visa appointments at the Embassy. The date of the immigrant visa appointment is listed on the appointment letter issued by either the National Visa Center (NVC), U.S. Embassy in Tashkent or the Kentucky Consular Center (KCC) depending on the category of immigration. Applicants must be ready to present a copy of the immigrant visa appointment letter on the day of their medical examination. Applicants younger than 17 years of age must be escorted by a parent or a legal guardian.

To schedule medical appointment with panel physician applicants must contact TIC using the following telephone numbers: +99871 2910142 or +998712910726.

The map to the clinic can be found here.

### List of required documents for medical examination:

- An original of the biometric passport, and a copy;
- 6 photos (3x4 cm);
- Visa interview appointment letter with immigration case number information;
- Vaccination records (local form #063) obtained from local medical service provider (polyclinic);
- US contact's name and address in the U.S.;
- Applicant's residence address in Uzbekistan;
- Optic glasses or contact lenses, when applicable

Applicants are not required to fast on the day of their medical examination. Upon arrival to the clinic all applicants must be prepared for security screening at the clinic's Security Desk. Following the security procedures, the principal applicant will be required to complete the medical examination registration procedure.

# **Components of Medical Examination**

The medical examination consists of:

- Medical History and Physical Examination
- Tuberculosis Screening and Treatment
- Syphilis
- Gonorrhea
- Hansen's Disease
- Physical or Mental Disorders with Associated Harmful Behaviors and Substance-related Disorders

- Other Physical or Mental Abnormality, Disease, or Disability
- Communicable Diseases of Public Health Concern
- Vaccinations

#### TB screening:

All applicants 15 years of age and older including pregnant women are required a chest radiograph. All applicants 2-14 years of age will be tested with tuberculin skin test.

If the applicant's chest x-ray **result indicates** signs of a disease of public health significance to the United States applicant will be referred to the additional TB testing in accordance with <u>Tuberculosis Screening and Treatment Technical Instructions (TB TIs) using Cultures and Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) for Panel <u>Physicians</u>. The additional testing will be conducted at a designated laboratory in Uzbekistan. The U.S. Embassy in Tashkent will issue a referral to the local laboratory with specific instructions on additional TB screening. If after the confirmatory testing it is concluded that the applicant has tested positive for TB s/he will be required to undergo treatment in accordance with <u>Tuberculosis Screening and Treatment Technical Instructions (TB TIs)</u> using Cultures and Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) for Panel Physicians at a designated clinic in Uzbekistan.</u>

# **Syphilis screening:**

All applicants 15 years of age or older must be tested for evidence of syphilis. Applicants under the age of 15 must be tested, if there is reason to suspect infection with syphilis, or if there is a history of syphilis. A Rapid Plasma Reagin [RPR] or equivalent test will first be used for screening. If the result is inconclusive, a confirmatory screening will be performed at a designated laboratory in Uzbekistan. The U.S. Embassy will issue a referral to the local laboratory with specific instructions on additional syphilis testing. If after the confirmatory testing it is concluded that the applicant has tested positive for syphilis s/he will be required to undergo treatment in accordance with CDC's Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Treatment Guidelines at a designated clinic in Uzbekistan.

### **Gonorrhea screening:**

All applicants 15 years of age or older must be tested for evidence of gonorrhea. Applicants younger than the age of 15 years must be tested if there is a history of gonorrhea or reason to suspect infection with gonorrhea. A nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) will be used for testing. If the result of the testing is inconclusive, a confirmatory screening will be performed at a designated laboratory in Uzbekistan. The U.S. Embassy will issue a referral to a local laboratory with specific instructions on additional testing. If after the confirmatory testing it is concluded that the applicant has tested positive for gonorrhea s/he will be required to undergo treatment in accordance with <a href="CDC's Sexually Transmitted Disease">CDC's Sexually Transmitted Disease</a> (STD) Treatment Guidelines at a designated clinic in Uzbekistan.

#### **Medical Examination Fees**

Applicants 15 years of age and older, the fee is USD \$ 205 which includes the following screening:

- A nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) for gonorrhea;
- Serologic test for syphilis;
- Chest x-ray, radiology consult and DVD;

Physical examination and documentation.

For Applicants 14 years of age and younger, the fee is USD \$ 90 which includes the following screening:

- TB screening test;
- Physical examination and documentation.

In addition to the referenced medical examination fees, TB, Syphilis or Gonorrhea testing fees may be incurred for the screening and treatment (if tested positive) performed at a designated laboratory/facility in Uzbekistan.

#### **Medical Examination Results**

The medical examination results will be sealed in an envelope and delivered to the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Tashkent by the clinic prior to applicants' immigrant visa appointment day. Applicants will receive their medical examination results in a sealed envelope on their immigrant visa appointment day at the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Tashkent.